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# ABRAHAM NUSSBAUM

## Family Record

## 1858-1962

*"One generation passeth away*
*and another cometh"*

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Grandpa and Grandma Nussbaum

Back row, left to right: Ella, Mrs. Frank Wyss; Albert, Will, Sarah, Mrs. Simon Hofstetter; Sa..ma, Mrs. Dave Wyss; Bertha, Mrs. Silas Lehman.
Front row, Amos, Sam, Grandpa, Grandma and Christ.

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**Back row, left to right: Albert, Amos, Christ, Sam, Will.**
**Front row: Ella, Mrs. Frank Wyss; Bertha, Mrs. Silas Lehman; Saloma, Mrs. Dave Wyss; Sarah, Mrs. Simon Hofstetter.**

We believe that this book will render very valuable service to the descendants of this genealogy, tracing their ancestors and descendants.

It will serve as a useful source of information for family relations of each branch, and should give a greater appreciation for our "goodly heritage" left to us, it will challenge us to loyalty in the "faith of our fathers."

We want to thank you for helping us make this family record possible.

# *Abraham Nussbaum Family Record*

Grandpa and Grandma experienced many joys and sorrows and interesting experiences. Grandma was born in Switzerland, on the Gase (Canton, Bern). Came to America on a boat which took 42 days. They encountered boat trouble, so had to return to England for repairs. They came to Wayne county and lived on the farm now owned by Waldo Lehman, south of Kidron for one summer, then moved to Berne, Indiana.

Grandpa was born in Putman county, Ohio, and when 18 years old moved to Berne, Ind. In his youth he could talk English as well as Swiss. When he was a child of 2 he fell into a sythe crippling his right hand. That didn't stop him from doing a hard days work. He could keep up with the best of men, swinging an ax or pitching hay. His left hand and arm was well developed and strong. His right hand was difficult to keep warm in the winter time, and when husking corn in cold weather, he would take hot coals along out in the field to warm his hand.

When they were first married they lived at Amadow, not far from Berne, then moved to the Gerber farm, and then to the Schwander farm where all but the first three of the children were born. This was a farm of 120 acres, which holds many fond memories for the children. Much hard work was done, not by the parents alone but shared by all the children. A large apple orchard was on the farm, and many apples were made into apple butter; some years making as high as 200 gals. No sugar was put in, but cooked down till it was thick enough to keep. They had kettles that held 100 gallons of cider. Box wagons full of apples would be taken to the cider press early in the morning so the apple butter could be cooked that day, before night came.

School for the chldren began and ended when the work allowed them to go. In the fall the boys would not take their books to school until the corn was husked, and in the spring when the plowing started they brought their books home, thus their school year lasted only a few months during the winter. They were graded by readers, not grades, passing on to a new reading book. The older boys went only through the fourth and fifth readers. This nevertheless did not hinder them from doing business, and being successful farmers. The girls too stayed home many days to assist with the work in the home, going only through the fifth reader. Many of the pupils in those days were big strapping boys, up to

eighteen years of age, challenging many a teacher to keep order in the class room.

Grandpa had very little schoolroom education. His arithmetic was easier done in his head than on paper. Writing was largely limited to his own name. Grandma, on the other hand had lovely hand writing, in German only. Her education in Switzerland was received in private Mennonite schools, taught by their own people.

In 1903 the family moved to Wayne county, because of church reasons. Grandpa had gone out to purchase a farm, and Grandma also had come out to visit, and look over the community. The year before they moved she spent three weeks here on a visit. When tryng to write a letter, with Sammy's help, Grandpa knelt beside the kitchen table, the tears streaming down his face. The family left Indiana on March 24. Grandpa and the older boys left at 4 o'clock in the evening with 8 head of horses, 15 head of cattle, implements and household goods. They used two box cars and one stock car, putting all the cattle in the stock car and four horses in each of the box cars along with implements. The cost of the box cars was $36.00 each and $26.00 for the stock car. Grandma and the rest of the children left some time later, but passed the others at Crestline, and arrived in Wayne County first. The stock, etc., arrived the evening of March 25, at 6 o'clock, taking 26 hours to travel from Berne to Wayne Co. The older boys were very reluctant to leave their friends and school. When they were taking their cattle to the train depot, they passed the school house during recess. Sadly they waved good-bye with tears in their eyes. The three older boys, Sam ,Christ and Amos ranging in ages of 18 to 15 cried like babies, not wanting to leave. Not many months passed after they were in their new home, in a new community, that they changed their minds about not wanting to stay. Soon the boys had girl friends which culminated in marriage and homes of their own. Grandpa bought the farm south of Kidron now owned by a grandson, William Nussbaum. He retired at the age of 59 in Kidron, moving into a new house they built, along with a small barn which allowed him to keep around 3 cows and his faithful horse Dolly. He took his milk to the Kidron cheese factory. Dolly was so devoted to Grandpa, that when he was confined to the hospital because of an injury to his knee, resulting from a fall on the ice when carrying out ashes, she wouldn't eat while he was

in the hospital those 10 days. After he was home they brought her to the window, so she could see her master. About 2 weeks before Grandpa's death Dolly fell and broke her leg which made it necessary to shoot her.

After Grandpa's death, Grandma lived alone till 1940, after which she mainly made her home with Franks. In 1938 she had a pimple on her face, and made the mistake of scratching it which resulted in a large sore that measured 3 to 4 inches across. Her diabetic condition was the cause of the seriousness of the sore which was gangerous. However, through the constant vigil of the children, her face healed nicely. She lived five more years after that experience, being active to nearly the last day of her life, only spending four days in bed prior to her death in September of 1943, at the age of 82 years.

Those of us, the offspring of Grandpa and Grandma can say with feeling, "We have a goodly heritage." Let us thank God that they were concerned about the spiritual life of their children, enough so that material costs and unpleasant goodbyes were not too costly. May all of us be so concerned about our children. Their influence has been passed down to us, ours may be just as far reaching.

# *Memoirs of Grandpa and Grandma*

Grandpa and Grandma were loved by us all,
Their home was begun 80 years ago last fall.
Many plans and hard work were mixed with love
Along with simple faith in the Father above.
Their home soon welcomed a baby's sweet smile;
But little Noah stayed for such a short while.
The Father took him into His own safe keeping,
But soon sent another to silence their weeping.
Little Sammy, it was who brought them cheer;
A year and a half later Criggy was here.
Eighteen months later, a day in November,
Baby Amos was born, a day to remember.
Grandma was out numberd, there were now four males,
In a year and six months, Sarah was first heard to wail.
Every girl should have a sister, so most folks say;
And a few days before Christmas, here was Solamae.
They thought it was wise to even the score;
Little Bertha arrived, making it one girl more.
Ten busy years passed since that happy wedding day,
Seven babies born, six remain to run and play.
Not satisfied with six blessings from heaven,
Baby Will was sent to make it a perfect seven.
One boy alone after three older sisters?
God sent baby Albert to make another Mister.
Abraham, Jr., healthy child, with cheeks so red,
Took sick suddenly, and died in his little bed.
To cheer them in sorrow, a baby girl was sent,
She couldnt stay, three times their hearts were rent.
One more child would top the family tree;
A girl they named Ella, the baby she must be.
Nine active children make up the Nussbaum tree,
They got help from God down upon their knees.
There was little time for play, no expensive toys;
For these playful girls and active country boys.
Instead, at the age of 9 and 10, they had to handle plows,
Plant fields of corn by hand,and help to milk the cows.
Milk at the cheese factory brought 50c a hundred.
Was it worth the time and work, Grandpa must have wondered.
Two dollars, fifty cents a hundred, they got for hogs quite fat.
Five cents for eggs per dozen, could they pay debts like that?
Twenty-five to thirty dollars for a real good dairy cow;
Paid them better to fatten horses, if they had a big hay mow.
Boys on the wagon loading, father pitching hay,
That was turned by hand, which was the only way.

The binder was handy, but each sheaf would drop,
Boys must carry them together so Grandma could make a shock.
Hard work like this could whet good appetites,
The loaded kitchen table was always a welcome sight.
Sour kabis, spack, kaaz and jacket potatoes,
Lodvarg uf brodt, cookies or pie and sliced tomatoes,
Five or six hogs, plus a cow were butchered some winter day,
Salted down in barrels, it kept all year long that way.
Sausage fried down, stored in crocks under lard
Made cooking for a large family not so hard.
Grandpa believed in not sparing the rod,
A definite instruction he received from God.
The powerful strength of his strong left arm
Left its sting on the seat, but no physical harm.
Evenings after the work was done, before they went to rest;
They gathered together to sing the songs they all loved best.
Grandpa with his bass, Grandma, Aunt Lizzie and Uncle John
Would sing and yodel as the evening hours wore on.
When the evening prayers were said, the house grew still,
Tired parents and children went to bed with a will.
Farm sales in the winter to young farm boys was a treat;
Wrestling in the hay mow to see which one could beat.
Grandpa and the boys would also test their skill
At hand wrestling, pulling sticks or whatever they will.
Grandpa had a beard which had turned from black to gray,
All of us thought he looked nice that way.
Grandma as a bride was rather short and slim;
When she later gained weight, made no difference to him.
She never could talk anything but Swiss,
Not much of importance however did she miss.
Grandpa would the whole message translate
When some English guest would stop at the gate.
Grandpa too was honest Abe, he earned the wage he got,
If there was a need, he would gladly heed, to help is what he sought.
There was many a tree that fell at his swing,
The sledge on the wedge through the thicket would ring.
Those powerful strokes very seldom missed their aim,
You couldn't have guessed one hand was crippled and lame.
A family of eleven in one house would have little room to spare,
Yet Uncle Pete and Uncle John too made their home there.
Small boys grew tall, little girls became ladies;
The Nussbaum home no longer had babies.
New interests in girls now entered the boys mind,
To one special one they would like themselves to bind.

The three oldest children, Sammy, Amos and Christ
Trying to see which one could be the first.
Wedding days were impressive, festive and gay,
Lasting from morning till the close of the day.
Now these who were children such a short time ago
Were leaving their parents and home they loved so.
But often they returned for advise or a loan,
For Pop and Mommy had become their strong backbone.
Once again the old home had sounds of little feet,
For now grandchildren are included when the family meets.
Baby Esther was the first, with big brown eyes,
But ere long there were other small baby cries.
Elma, Gladys, Harvey, Leona, Lila and Lester.
Gilbert, Milton and more were company for Esther.
Numerous years later the number had become so vast
They could hardly believe the family grew so fast.
The house in Kidron was filled from basement to the top
When on New years day we'd go see Mommy and Pop.
There were always homemade buns, knu blatza and tea,
Oranges, candy and pink popcorn were free.
The grandchildren were lined up in a row
Awaiting the gifts we anticipated so.
In the parlor round the organ the group would gather to sing,
While Ella played the music, our praise to God to bring.
The Neu Jahr Lied was never missed, that wouldn't have been right.
A happy day had ended and we had to say good-night.
Eighty years after those solemn vows were said
The family has grown to two hundred forty instead.
Could Pop and Mommy now their large family see
They would agree, two united sproutes grew into one mighty tree.

In fond Memory by a Granddaughter,
**Rosa Nussbaum Kratzer**

## ABRAHAM NUSSBAUM FAMILY RECORD

**Abraham Nussbaum**—Born May 25, 1858—Died July 31, 1936
Eliza Nussbaum—Born May 27, 1861—Died Sept. 29, 1943
Marriage date—Nov. 9, 1882—married for 54 years.

### MEMBERS OF ORIGINAL FAMILY

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Noah | August 23, 1883 | three weeks later |
| Samuel E. | December 31, 1884 | |
| Christ A. | April 5, 1886 | December 19, 1951 |
| Amos A. | November 13, 1887 | May 3, 1957 |
| Sarah | May 15, 1889 | April 7, 1955 |
| Saloma | December 18, 1890 | |
| Bertha | March 3, 1892 | |
| William A. | June 13, 1894 | |
| Albert A. | November 15, 1895 | |
| Abraham Jr. | June 10, 1897 | April 1898 |
| Daughter | no record | stillborn |
| Ella | July 24, 1899 | |

### SAMUEL E. NUSSBAUM FAMILY MEMBERS

**Samuel E. Nussbaum**—Born December 31, 1884
Lina Amstutz—Born March 20, 1888—Died Sept. 17, 1959
Marriage date—October 14, 1909—married nearly 50 years

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Esther Marie | August 9, 1910 | |
| Harvey | April 2, 1912 | |
| George | June, 2, 1914 | |
| Edna | January 23, 1917 | |
| Pauline | November 17, 1918 | |
| William | July 15, 1920 | |
| Verena | January 19, 1923 | |
| Della Lucille | October 29, 1926 | August 8, 1963 |

**Esther Marie Nussbaum**—Born August 9, 1910
Amos Steffen—June 18, 1911
Marriage date—September 25, 1932 (Farmer and Mason)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Harlan William | February 23, 1934 | |
| Virgene Mae | June 14, 1935 | |
| Eunice Pauline | October 15, 1937 | |
| Corrine Elizabeth | May 27, 1941 | |
| **Foster Children** | | |
| Sandra Roupe | May 28, 1949 | |
| Darlene Roupe | December 1, 1950 | |
| Kines Roupe | November 29, 1951 | |

**Harlan William Steffen**—Born February 23, 1934
Evalyn Miller—November 26, 1939
Marriage date—October 22, 1960 (Minister at Sonnenberg)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Alice June | June 27, 1962 | |

**Corrine Elizabeth Steffen**—Born May 27, 1941.
Willie Helmuth—Born June 30, 1937
Marriage date—March 4, 1961 (College Student)

**Harvey Nussbaum**—Born April 2, 1912
Evelyn Ruth Amstutz—August 15, 1912
Marriage date—June 2, 1935 (Feed Mill Owner)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Howard James | May 24, 1936 | |
| Harold Dean | June 16, 1940 | October 6, 1944 |
| Robert Lee | May 10, 1945 | |
| Harry Dale | April 5, 1947 | |
| Phyllis Kay | August 9, 1949 | |
| Phillip Ray | August 9, 1949 | |

**Howard James Nussbaum**—Born May 24, 1936
Ruth Elaine Summers—December 15, 1938
Marriage date—June 4, 1960 (Feed Mill Worker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| James Scott | July 25, 1961 | |

**George Nussbaum**—Born June 2, 1914
Rhoda Verena Gerber—May 10, 1915
Marriage date—May 21, 1937 (Farmer and Mill Worker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Mary Lou | July 26, 1938 | |
| Richard Lee | February 28, 1941 | |
| Ronald Dean | June 1, 1943 | |
| Ray Junior | September 13, 1955 | |

**Mary Lou Nussbaum**—Born July 26, 1938
Larry Dean Roth—August 30, 1940
Marriage date—September 2, 1961 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Douglas Duane | April 21, 1963 | |

**Edna Nussbaum**—Born January 23, 1917
Paul Joseph Hilty—August 7, 1917
Marriage date—August 7, 1938 (Butcher)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Kenneth Neil | March 4, 1941 | |
| Emma Jean | October 3, 1943 | |
| Christine Mae | February 23, 1946 | |
| Alice Faye | March 27, 1950 | |
| Leon Ray | December 1, 1953 | |

**Pauline Nussbaum**—Born November 17, 1918
Leo Franklin Gerber—January 16, 1918
Marriage date—January 28, 1940 (Woodworker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Anna Jean | December 3, 1941 | |
| Connie Lou | March 18, 1944 | |
| Margaret Elaine | August 11, 1947 | |
| Linda Susan | March 25, 1950 | |
| **Foster Children** | | |
| Sharon Denise Roupe | July 15, 1953 | |
| Linda Renee Roupe | December 27, 1954 | |

**Anna Jean Gerber**—Born December 3, 1941
Mahlon Louis Steffen—February 26, 1940
Marriage date—June 23, 1961 (V.S. Service)

**William Nussbaum**—Born July 15, 1920
Mildred Irene Amstutz—May 29, 1919
Marriage date—May 27, 1944 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Frederic Ray | July 14, 1945 | |
| Janice Sue | January 2, 1949 | |
| Sheryl Ann | April 26, 1951 | |
| Barbara Jean | June 20, 1953 | |
| Miriam Kay | September 7, 1954 | |

**Verena Nussbaum**—Born January 19, 1923
Edwin A. Steiner—June 7, 1921
Marriage date—October 14, 1944 (Livestock Trucker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Carol Lavonne | August 1, 1945 | |
| Roger William | November 21, 1947 | |
| James Nevin | December 11, 1951 | |
| Beverly Ann | October 19, 1953 | |
| Diane Kay | March 9, 1959 | |

**Della Lucille Nussbaum**—Born Oct. 29, 1926, Died Aug. 8, '63
Clayton Geiser—November 28, 1924
Marriage date—June 20, 1948 (Farmer and Mill Worker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas Clayton | December 27, 1949 | |
| Warren Keith | February 13, 1952 | |
| Norman Lynn | March 13, 1955 | |
| William Ray | November 23, 1957 | |
| Anita Louise | January 24, 1961 | |

## CHRIST NUSSBAUM FAMILY MEMBERS

**Christ Nussbaum**—Born April 5, 1886—Died Dec. 19, 1951
Lizzie Lehman—December 12, 1891—Died March 1, 1914
Marriage date—October 13, 1910

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Gladys | June 4, 1912 | |

**Gladys Nussbaum**—Born June 4, 1912
Paul Keiner—March 22, 1912
Marriage date—June 4, 1933 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Roger Lee | December 9, 1934 | |
| Betty Lou | March 17, 1941 | |
| Ann Louise | November 28, 1942 | |
| Phyllis Lucille | March 28, 1947 | |

**Roger Lee Keiner**—Born December 9, 1934
Eunice Brenner—July 31, 1934
Marriage date—December 17, 1955 (Body Shop Worker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Kenneth Lee | July 28, 1957 | |
| Larry Dean | June 10, 1959 | |

**Betty Lou Keiner**—Born March 17, 1941
Roger Neil Geiser—November 14, 1939
Wedding date November 14, 1959 (Laborer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Robert Neil | January 20, 1961 | |

**Christ Nussbaum**—Born April 5, 1886—Died Dec. 19, 1951
Metta Wyss—July 17, 1891
Marriage date—July 3, 1915

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Lillie Margret | August 5, 1920 | |

**Lillie Margret Nussbaum**—Born August 5, 1920
Roy E. Gerber—March 25, 1912—Died July 19, 1946
Marriage date—June 9, 1940 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Frederick John | August 5, 1941 | |
| Leroy Lynn | June 22, 1946 | |

**Lillie Margret Gerber**—Born August 5, 1920
Oren Zuercher—August 26, 1920
Marriage date—May 25, 1952 (Carpenter)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| John David | February 24, 1953 | |

## AMOS A. NUSSBAUM FAMILY MEMBERS

**Amos Nussbaum**—Born Nov. 13, 1887—Died May 3, 1957
Ella Mae Lehman—August 28, 1885—Died Oct. 27, 1921
Marriage date—November 11, 1909

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Elma Bertha | February 18, 1911 | |
| Lila Edna | May 1, 1912 | |
| Gilbert Amos | July 3, 1914 | |
| Laura Rose | June 19, 1916 | June 16, 1946 |
| Clarence Reuben | July 25, 1918 | |
| Rosa Ella | May 18, 1921 | |

**Elma Bertha Nussbaum**—Born February 18, 1911
Reuben Bixler—June 20, 1908 (Farmer)
Marriage date—November 26, 1933

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Vernice Nevin | January 28, 1935 | |
| Paul Evan | October 15, 1937 | |
| Clair Dean | August 15, 1939 | |
| Kenneth Edward | June 30, 1943 | |
| David Ray | July 9, 1945 | |

**Vernice Nevin Bixler**—Born January 28, 1935
Ruth May Sommer—May 18, 1934
Marriage date—November 1, 1958 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Cynthia Ann | February 26, 1960 | |
| Sandra Sue | September 3, 1961 | |

**Paul Evan Bixler**—Born October 15, 1937
Lavonne Gisel—May 25, 1935
Marriage date—June 24, 1961 (School Teacher)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Reginald Lee | November 19, 1962 | |

**Clair Dean Bixler**—Born August 15, 1939
Dorcus Rush—October 12, 1939
Marriage date—August 25, 1962 (Carpenter )

**Lila Edna Nussbaum**—Born May 1, 1912
John E. Zook—August 30, 1894—Died September 8, 1953
Marriage date—August 30, 1936

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Doris Eileen | February 27, 1938 | |
| Gordon Dwight | February 14, 1940 | |
| Stanley Eugene | September 21, 1947 | Stillborn |

**Doris Eileen Zook**—Born February 27, 1938
John Kenneth Hoober—September 5, 1938
Marriage date—August 13, 1960 (Student)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Rebecca Marie | September 25, 1962 | |

**Gordon Dwight Zook**—Born February 14, 1940
Bonnie Baer—February 27, 1940 (Student in University)
Marriage date—June 16, 1962

**Lila Edna Nussbaum Zook**—Born May 1, 1912
Daniel Lehman—August 25, 1906
Marriage date—November 3, 1957 (Farmer)

**Gilbert Amos Nussbaum**—Born July 3, 1914
Olive Ruth Gerber—October 16, 1914
Marriage date—October 18, 1936 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| James Nevin | August 24, 1937 | |
| Curtis Ray | November 18, 1939 | |
| Earl Dale | December 1, 1942 | stillborn |
| Ruth Ann | December 6, 1944 | |
| Elaine Faye | May 15, 1947 | |
| Don Eugene | June 18, 1955 | |

**James Nevin Nussbaum**—Born August 24, 1937
Delores Kathleen Gerber—September 1, 1939
Marriage date—June 11, 1960 (High School Teacher)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Tim Brian | May 23, 1961 | |
| Karito Jo | July 31, 1963 | |

**Laura Rose Nussbaum**—Born June 19, '16—Died June 16, '46
Lores Ray Hofstetter—April 15, 1910
Marriage date—June 19, 1938 (Chicken Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Harley Dean | February 28, 1941 | |
| Ella Mae | March 12, 1943 | |
| Gerald Lores | June 16, 1946 | |

Harley Dean Hofstetter—Born February 28, 1941
Virginia Jean Barr—May 25, 1941
Wedding date—May 14, 1961 (Farmer and Carpenter)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Lorrie Jean | April 10, 1962 | |

**Clarence Reuben Nussbaum**—Born July 25, 1918
Luella Grace Hofstetter—July 6, 1915
Wedding date—June 25, 1944 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Gary Lee | July 30, 1946 | |
| Dale Edward | December 17, 1947 | |
| Loretta Jean | June 10, 1949 | |
| Brenda Kay | May 20, 1951 | |

**Rosa Ella Nussbaum**—Born May 18, 1921
Loyal Weldon Kratzer—September 22, 1920
Marriage date—March 5, 1944 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Janice Elaine | September 17, 1946 | stillborn |
| LaVon Wade | May 22, 1948 | |
| Rosemary Kay | February 15, 1951 | |
| Prudence Ann | March 5, 1952 | |
| Veryl Alan | November 5, 1955 | |
| Loyal Douglas | September 3, 1958 | |

**Amos A. Nussbaum**—Born Nov. 13, 1887—Died May 3, 1957
Lydia Falb—December 22, 1890
Marriage date—February 27, 1924

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Irvin Allen | April 11, 1925 | |
| Nathan Evan | September 23, 1928 | |
| Delvin Dale | July 13, 1930 | |

**Irvin Allen Nussbaum**—Born April 11, 1925
Arlene Steiner—December 29, 1926
Marriage date—June 26, 1948 (Minister in Indiana)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Ray Irvin | May 27, 1950 | |
| Larry Ray | January 13, 1952 | |
| Dean Larry | May 11, 1954 | |
| Karen Arlene | May 23, 1956 | |
| Marlin Dean | February 14, 1958 | |
| Ted Marlin | November 23, 1959 | |
| LaJane Kay | August 5, 1961 | |

**Nathan Evan Nussbaum**—Born September 23, 1928
Alice Ruby Glick—April 23, 1931
Marriage date—August 30, 1953 (Minister)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Evan Dale | August 21, 1954 | |
| Ethan Dean | October 22, 1955 | |
| Rebecca Ann | February 3, 1957 | |
| Ernest Ray | May 16, 1959 | Stillborn |
| Jonathan Jay | December 11, 1961 | |
| David Nathaniel | April 10, 1963 | |

**Delvin Dale Nussbaum**—Born July 13, 1930
Ruth Nussbaum—July 24, 1932
Marriage date—June 21, 1952 (Minister)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Anita Faye | July 25, 1954 | |
| Steve Arthur | Feb. 9, 1956 | |
| Phil Michael | August 23, 1958 | |
| Zondra Lu | March 26, 1963 | |

## SARAH NUSSBAUM'S FAMILY MEMBERS

**Sarah Nussbaum**—Born May 15, 1889—Died April 7, 1955
Simon Hofstetter—June 27, 1883
Marriage date—January 19, 1911

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Leona | February 14, 1912 | |
| Lester | May 4, 1913 | |
| Milton | December 4, 1914 | |
| Ida | October 10, 1916 | |
| Sylvia | November 18, 1920 | |
| Elda | June 7, 1922 | December 16, 1959 |
| Annie | December 29, 1924 | |

**Milton Hofstetter**—Born December 4, 1914
Fern Gerber—August 7, 1919
Marriage date—April 12, 1946 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Earl Lee | February 28, 1947 | |
| Betty Lou | July 11, 1948 | |
| Doris Elaine | February 2, 1950 | |
| Harold David | June 21, 1952 | |
| Mary Jean | June 16, 1955 | |
| Irene Kay | October 8, 1956 | |
| Phyllis Ann | November 21, 1958 | |
| Barbara Lynn | March 30, 1960 | |

## SALOMA NUSSBAUM FAMILY MEMBERS

**Saloma Nussbaum**—Born December 18, 1890
David Wellington Wyss—June 8, 1893
Wedding date—November 11, 1917 (Day Laborer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Arlene Olive | September 29, 1918 | |
| Walter H. | June 4, 1920 | |
| Raymond Herbert | July 5, 1921 | August 3, 1938 |
| Elvera Mildred | March 5, 1924 | |
| Erma Adele | July 18, 1926 | |

**Arlene Olive Wyss**—Born September 29, 1918
Virgil Lloyd Snyder—July 18, 1919
Marriage date—December 8, 1945 (Shop Worker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Kenneth Wayne | February 25, 1950 | |

**Walter H. Wyss**—Born June 4, 1920
Esther Miller—July 11, 1920
Wedding date—April 1, 1944 (Milk Hauler)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Ralph Edward | November 11, 1944 | |
| Marilyn Jean | April 30, 1949 | |

**Elvera Mildred Wyss**—Born March 5, 1924
Charles David Becker—October 3, 1926
Wedding date—June 18, 1949 (Shop Worker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Diane Kaye | July 20, 1950 | |
| Ronald Lynn | April 4, 1952 | |

**Erma Adele Wyss**—Born July 18, 1926
Myron Daniel Hamsher—August 3, 1921
Wedding date—February 22, 1947 (Condensary Employee)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Larry Gene | October 16, 1947 | |
| Jeffrey Lane | July 7, 1951 | |
| Marla Sue | January 8, 1955 | |

## BERTHA NUSSBAUM FAMILY MEMBERS

**Bertha Nussbaum**—Born March 3, 1892
Silas C. Lehman—August 7, 1895
Wedding date—November 18, 1915

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Sylvan S. | July 3, 1917 | |
| Daughter | January 11, 1919 | stillborn |
| Idella | May 30, 1920 | |
| Carrie Annie | December 3, 1921 | |
| Bessie Irene | August 14, 1929 | |
| Mary | November 13, 1931 | |

**Sylvan S. Lehman**—Born July 3, 1917
Mary Ann Geiser—Born July 5, 1913
Wedding date—September 4, 1938 (Welder)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Twila Marie | July 15, 1939 | |
| Carolyn Louise | July 4, 1940 | |
| Clayton Louis | July 4, 1940 | |
| Esther Irene | August 12, 1941 | |
| Rosella Mae | December 15, 1944 | |

**Twila Marie Lehman**—Born July 15, 1939
Earl Mast—Born July 13, 1937
Wedding date—August 23, 1958 (Milk Plant Employee)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Randy | February 3, 1959 | |
| Ronald | September 19, 1960 | |
| Rene Dalon | March 17, 1963 | |

**Clayton Louis Lehman**—Born July 4, 1940
Mary Kandel—July 19, 1942
Wedding date—November 22, 1962 (Feed Mill Employee)

**Esther Irene Lehman**—Born August 12, 1941
Marvin Kandel—February 10, 1940
Wedding date—August 12, 1961 (Dalton Pottery Employee)

**Idella Lehman**—Born May 30, 1920
Alvin Geiser—August 7, 1916
Wedding date—May 2, 1940 (Mechanist)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Dora Mae | October 14, 1940 | |
| Gordon Nevin | March 8, 1942 | |
| Sharon Ann | July 9, 1943 | |
| Harry David | August 22, 1944 | |
| Harlan Dean | January 10, 1949 | |

**Dora Mae Geiser**—October 14, 1940
John Neuenschwander—Born November 7, 1939
Wedding date—October 14, 1961 (Carpenter)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Lynn Kay | June 18, 1962 | |
| Bradley Dean | July 11, 1963 | |

**Carrie Annie Lehman**—Born December 3, 1921
Paul Neuenschwander—December 31, 1921
Wedding date—May 2, 1942 (Electric Store Owner)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Kathleen Fern | January 2, 1944 | |
| Kenneth Lee | September 21, 1946 | |
| Norma Jean | October 13, 1947 | |
| Arthur Paul | March 27 1950 | |
| Shirley Ann | July 18, 1953 | |
| Janet Rose | October 26, 1956 | |

**Bessie Irene Lehman**—Born August 14, 1929
Willis L. Nussbaum—Born June 27, 1926
Wedding date—March 23, 1951 (Farmer and Painter)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Dolores Faye | December 7, 1952 | |
| Aldine Faye | November 21, 1953 | |
| Grace Irene | September 24, 1956 | |
| Goldie Marie | February 13, 1959 | |
| Glenda Jean | June 11, 1961 | |

## WILLIAM A. NUSSBAUM FAMILY MEMBERS

**William A. Nussbaum**—Born June 13, 1894
Chloe Culp—Born November 1, 1897
Wedding date—October 5, 1919 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Omer Stanley | October 25, 1921 | |
| Virgil C. | October 18, 1923 | |
| Norma Glorene | June 1, 1925 | |
| Wilfred Glenn | July 9, 1927 | |
| Dorothy Lucille | January 15, 1930 | |
| Carolyn Maxine | October 17, 1934 | August 21, 1935 |
| Eileen Janet | June 6, 1939 | |

**Omer Stanley Nussbaum**—Born October 25, 1921
Irene Hecker—Born May 31, 1916
Wedding date—June 24, 1944 (Milk Company Employee)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Robert Stanley | June 15, 1945 | |
| Mary Lou | July 15, 1947 | |
| Nancy Louise | June 17, 1950 | |
| Michael Dean | January 12, 1954 | |
| Diane Lynn | January 16, 1960 | |

**Virgil C. Nussbaum**—Born October 18, 1923
Wanda Hines—Born May 17, 1934
Wedding date—April 18, 1953 (Gas Trucker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Steven Lee | November 30, 1953 | May 1, 1959 |
| Timothy Allen | November 19, 1954 | |
| John Anthony | July 9, 1956 | |
| Pamela Sue | September 18, 1959 | |
| Mark Wayne | December 7, 1960 | |

**Norma Glorene Nussbaum**—Born June 1, 1925
James Gordon Frizell—Born June 17, 1914
Wedding date—September 26, 1953 (Ink Factory Employee)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Daniel Ray | October 31, 1957 | |
| James Dean | February 14, 1962 | |

**Wilfred Glenn Nussbaum**—Born July 9, 1927
Irene Woods—Born July 4, 1933
Wedding date—October 4, 1953 (Milk Hauler)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Rex Gene | January 21, 1957 | |
| Connie Lou | April 1, 1959 | |

**Dorothy Lucille Nussbaum**—Born January 15, 1930
Edward Earl Boley—Born July 27, 1930
Wedding date—November 13, 1954 (Smucker Employee)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Kathleen Ann | September 18, 1959 | |
| Karen Sue | September 26, 1961 | |

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**Eileen Janet Nussbaum**—Born June 6, 1939
Norman Slabaugh—Born April 14, 1940
Wedding date—October 22, 1960 (Milk Delivery Route)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Denise Laraine | June 15, 1962 | |

## ALBERT A. NUSSBAUM FAMILY MEMBERS

**Albert A. Nussbaum**—Born October 15, 1895
Sara Ann Amstutz—Born May 1, 1898
Wedding date—July 12, 1919

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Dallas Earl | May 18, 1920 | |
| Cora Anne | September 6, 1921 | |
| Jesse August | August 4, 1923 | |
| Herman Dale | March 25, 1926 | |

**Dallas Earl Nussbaum**—Born May 18, 1920
Bernice Lucille Brenner—Born January 20, 1921
Wedding date—June 18, 1944 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Janet Elaine | December 20, 1946 | |
| Linda Kay | January 9, 1950 | |
| Lynette Ann | March 28, 1953 | |
| Dallas Earl, Jr. | July 10, 1956 | |

**Cora Anne Nussbaum**—Born September 6, 1921
Clarence Leo Sommer—January 25, 1917
Wedding date—December 8, 1940 (Mason)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Sandra Jane | June 14, 1946 | |
| Luanne Faye | January 1, 1950 | |

**Jesse August Nussbaum**—Born August 4, 1923
Geraldine Grace Maurer—Born October 24, 1921
Wedding date—August 10, 1946 (Road Worker)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Gary Nevin | July 2, 1947 | |
| Sharon Diana | February 8, 1952 | |
| Terry Michael | March 17, 1958 | |

**Herman Dale Nussbaum**—Born March 25, 1926
Marilyn Jean Gerber—Born January 16, 1929
Wedding date—November 21, 1948 (Farmer)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Donna Elaine | March 1, 1951 | |
| Janey Marie | May 8, 1953 | |

## ELLA NUSSBAUM FAMILY MEMBERS

**Ella Nussbaum**—Born July 24, 1899
Frank Wyss—Born January 1, 1897
Wedding date—January 2, 1921 (Carpenter)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Clayton Edward | July 2, 1921 | |
| Lillian Mardel | March 2, 1924 | |
| Vilas Herman | August 25, 1928 | April 12, 1934 |
| Melvin Richard | January 26, 1936 | |

**Clayton Edward Wyss**—Born July 2, 1921
Mary Virginia DeBlaker—January 12, 1921
Wedding date—Dec. 9, 1944 (Superior Meat Co. Employee)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Geneva Margret | April 25, 1946 | |

**Lillian Mardell Wyss**—Born March 2, 1924
Leland Hofstetter—September 30, 1919
Wedding date—Oct. 12, 1947 (Kidron Body Shop Employee)

| Children | Births | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Ronald Lee | October 22, 1952 | |
| Holly Diane | September 26, 1954 | |

## STATISTICS OF THE NUSSBAUM FAMILY TO DATE JANUARY 1963

Grandpa's age would be 104
Grandma's age would be 101
Weddings in the family—71
Births in the family—232
Deaths in the family—20 blood relatives
Children—12 Grandchildren—51 Great grandchildren—155
Great great grandchildren—14
Births divided nearly equally—114 boys — 118 girls
Of these 114 boys, 58 have Nussbaum for their last name

## SAMUEL NUSSBAUM FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—8, Grandchildren—37, Great grandchildren—2
61 members in the entire family circle. 2 deaths in family.
Sam is sharing his home at the present with a grandson, Harlan Steffen. His health is quite good, and keeps busy in his shop and garden. His present age is 78 years.

## CHRIST A. NUSSBAUM FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—2, Grandchildren—7, Great grandchildren—3
17 members in entire family circle. 3 deaths in family.
Since Christ's death, Metta has maintained her home, either living alone or sharing it with grandchildren, while she is employed in homes where someone is sick. At present at the age of 72, she is working at the Burkhart home. Her health is good, allowing her to be active.

## AMOS A. NUSSBAUM FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—9, Grandchildren—38, Great grandchildren—6
69 members in the entire family circle, 8 deaths in family.
Since Amos' death, Lydia has kept up their home which they built on the farm and is in good health at the age of 72.

## SIMON HOFSTETTER FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—7, Grandchildren—8
16 members in entire family, 2 deaths in family.
Simon, at the age of nearly 80, is in good health, able to be active. He, along with Lester and Annie are living in the home they had bought while Sarah was living. This is the home Grandpa had built on retiring from his farm.

## DAVID W. WYSS FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—5, Grandchildren—8
18 members in entire family circle, 1 death in family.
Dave and Saloma live in their home at the north end of Kidron, Dave is employed by Millen Nussbaum, and in good health. Saloma is bothered by diabetes and high blood pressure which needs doctor's care.

## SILAS LEHMAN FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—5, Grandchildren—21, Great grandchildren—3
39 members in entire family circle, 1 death in family.
Silas keeps busy helping the children where he is needed. His health is good, Bertha is bothered with diabetes.

## WILLIAM A. NUSSBAUM FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—7, Grandchildren—17
30 members in entire family circle, 2 deaths in family
Bill and Chloe are living in Dalton in a home they built. Bill is employed at the Kidron Auction, and works his farm northwest of Kidron. Chloe is bothered with high blood pressure, and Bill with diabetes.

## ALBERT A. NUSSBAUM FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—4, Grandchildren—11
21 members in entire family circle, no deaths in family.
Albert and Sara live in the home they built on their farm south of Kidron. Albert is retired, and his health as usual. Sara is busy with hand work, needle work or such things. Her health is good, allowing her to attend church.

## FRANK WYSS FAMILY STATISTICS

Children—4, Grandchildren—3.
10 members in entire family circle, 1 death in family.
Frank and Ella live in the home they built in Kidron. Frank is busy in carpenter work or working at the Kidron Auction. His health and Ella's are good. They also keep a number of cows, which Ella helps milk and market their milk at the cheese factory in Kidron.

## OBITUARY OF ABRAHAM NUSSBAUM

Abraham Nussbaum, son of Jacob and Barbara Nussbaum, was born at Beaverdam, Ohio, on May 25, 1858. At the age of 18 years, he with his parents, brothers and sisters moved to Adams County, Indiana, traveling in covered wagons. On November 9, 1882, he was united in marriage at that place with Eliza Neuenschwander by Bishop Christ Sommer. Two years they lived on a farm west of Berne Ind., and later they purchased a farm northwest of Berne, where the family made their home for 18 years. Twelve children were born to them in the state of Indiana, two infant sons, and an infant daughter preceding their parents in death. In the month of March 1903, the family came to Wayne Co., Ohio, and made their home on a farm south of Kidron which is now owned and operated by the oldest son Samuel. In connection with farming, Mr. Nussbaum operated a cider press for many years. In the year of 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum retired from farming, and came to live in a new home he built in Kidron, but continued to assist his son on the farm with the cider press until three years ago.

Mr. Nussbaum enjoyed unusually good health until the time of a fall he suffered in the winter of 1934, from which time on his health was impaired from the injury. On Friday noon, July 31, he suffered a heart attack, and passed away a few minutes later. He is survived by his widow, five sons, Samuel E., Christian A., Amos A., William and Albert A. Nussbaum and four daughters. Mrs. Sarah Hofstetter, Mrs. Saloma Wyss, Mrs. Bertha Lehman and Mrs. Ella Wyss. One brother Isaac Nussbaum, south of Orrville, and three sisters, Mrs. Emil Badertscher of Berne, Ind.. Mrs. Katharine Liddy of Fort Wayne Ind., and Mrs. Jacob Moser south of Orrville. There are 48 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. 3 brothers and 3 sisters preceded him in death, Jacob J. of Kidron, John, and Peter of Berne, Ind., Mrs. Lydia Ellenberger of Berne, Ind., Mrs. Elizabeth Felber of Fort Wayne. Ind., and Mrs. Sarah Moser of near Orrville.

Funeral services took place on Monday forenoon August 3 from the home and the Sonnenberg church where he was a faithful member, conducted by the Rev. Jacob Moser, Louis Amstutz and Jacob Neuenschwander. His body was borne to its last resting place by six grandsons, Harvey, Gilbert, and Clarence Nussbaum, Milton and Lester Hofstetter and Sylvan Lehman.

## OBITUARY OF MRS. ABRAHAM NUSSBAUM

Eliza Neuenschwander, daughter of Christ and Catherine Newcomer Neuenschwander, was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, May 27, 1861; died Sept. 29, 1943; aged 82 years, 4 mo. and 2 days. At the age of 15 she sailed to America with her parents. She grew to womanhood in Berne, Ind. On Nov. 9, 1882, she was united to Abraham Nussbaum in marriage. On July 31, 1936, her husband passed away. In 1903 she and her husband and family moved from Indiana to a farm near Kidron and later moved to their home in Kidron where she lived until her health failed, after which she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Wyss, where she passed away. In youth she was baptized in Switzerland and joined with the Swiss Mennonite Church. In America she united with the Berne Mennonite Church, and later transferred her membership to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church to which she remained faithful to the end. She leaves to mourn her departure 9 children; Samuel, Christ, Amos, Sarah (Mrs. Simon Hofstetter) Saloma (Mrs. David Wyss), Bertha (Mrs. Silas Lehman), William, Albert, Ella (Mrs. Frank Wyss); also 48 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren, all from the Sonnenberg vicinity; a brother (Peter Neuenschwander ,Berne, Ind.), and a host of relatives and friends. Her husband, 2 sons, a daughter, 3 grandchildren and a great grandchild, 3 brothers and 3 sisters preceded her in death. Funeral services were held at the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Louis Amstutz and Jacob S. Moser were in charge. Interment in the church cemetery.

Into heaven's mansion she's entered
Never to sigh nor to weep.
After long years with life's struggles,
Mother has fallen asleep.

## JACOB NUSSBAUM FAMILY

**(Grandpa Nussbaum's brothers and sisters)**

Abraham Nussbaum born 1858, Kidron, Ohio.
Isaac Nussbaum born 1860, Wayne County, Ohio
Jacob Nussbaum born 1862, Wayne County, Ohio
John Nussbaum born 1863, Berne, Indiana
Mary—Mrs. Jacob Miller born 1866, Okla., Mo., and Calif.
Peter Nussbaum born 1867, Berne, Indiana
Lydia—Mrs. William Ellenberger born 1869, Berne, Indiana
Lizzie—Mrs. Jacob Felber born 1872, Wayne County
Barbara—Mrs. Emil Badertscher born 1873, Berne, Indiana
Sarah—Mrs. Jacob Moser born 1877, Orrville, Ohio
Kathryn—Mrs. Ed Liddy born 1879, Fort Wayne, Indiana

## CHRISTIAN NEUENSCHWANDER FAMILY

**(Grandma Nussbaum's brothers and sisters)**

Katherina—Mrs. Jacob Amstutz—Berne, Indiana
Abraham Neuenschander—Wayne County, Ohio
Peter Neuenschwander—Berne, Indiana
Maryann—Mrs. Isaac Nussbaum—Wayne County, Ohio
Eliza—Mrs. Abe Nussbaum—Kidron, Ohio
Christian Neuenschwander—Berne, Indiana
Annie—Mrs. Jacob Nussbaum—Kidron, Ohio
Jacob Neuenschwander—Berne, Indiana

**This Prayer was often used in their Meditation**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (German)**

Unser Vater in dem Himmel! Dein Name werde geheiliget. Dein reich komme. Dein wille geschehe auf Erden wie im Himmel. Unser taeglich Brot gib uns heute. Und fergib uns versere Schulden, wie wir unsere Schuldigern vergeben. Und fuehre uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erloese uns von dem uebel, Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.

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